

## **TIMELINE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS IN WOMEN'S HISTORY**

1777 – Abigail Smith Adams, wife of the second President (John Adams) and mother of the sixth President (John Quincy Adams) writes that women “will not hold ourselves bound by any laws which we have no voice.”

1826 – The first public high school for girls open in New York and Boston.

1833 – Oberlin College in Ohio, is the first co-educational college in the United States

1840 – Elizabeth Cady Stanton, dress reformer, editor, omits the word “obey” from her marriage vows.

1848 – The first Women’s Rights Convention is held in Seneca Falls, NY.

1850 – Women are granted the right to own land in a state (Oregon).

1869 – The National Women Suffrage Association (NWSA) and the American Women Suffrage Association (AWSA) are formed.

1878 – For the first time, a Women’s Suffrage Amendment is introduced in Congress.

1913 – 5,000 suffragists march in Washington, D.C. for the women’s rights movement.

1920 – The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment is ratified, allowing women the right to vote in federal elections.

1934 – Florence Ellinwood Allen becomes the first woman on the U.S. Court of Appeals.

1955 – NAACP Member Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat at the front of a “colored section of a bus to a white passenger. Her defiance sparked national attention and served as a catalyst of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

1971 – U.S. Supreme Court rule ends sex discrimination in hiring.

1972 – U.S. Congress passes the Equal Employment Opportunity Act

1981 – Sandra Day O’Connor becomes the first woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

1995 – Lt. Col. Eileen Collins becomes the first American Woman to pilot a Space Shuttle.

2005 – Condoleezza Rice becomes the first African-American woman to be appointed Secretary of State.

October of 2005 – The remains of Rosa Parks are laid to rest in the U.S Capitol becoming one of only thirty Americans ever honored with the pomp and ritual of a Capitol Rotunda viewing.